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To the Members of the Seaham Harbour Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I herewith present to you my Annual Report for the year 1895 :—

The estimated population was 9680.

During the year 408 births (214 male and 194 female) were registered, which is equal to a birth rate of 42·1 per 1000. This is higher than in 1894, when the rate was 37·1.

The death rate was 21.7, 210 deaths having been registered, including one death in Sedgefield Asylum, and of these 120 were under five years of age. This is the lowest death rate for five years, and much lower than that for 1894, when the rate was 24.5.

16 deaths were due to phthisis, equal to a rate of 1.6.

Resperatory death rate was 4·1, which compares favourably with 7·4 for the previous year.

The zymotic rate was 4.0. This, although lower than that for 1894, is still very high, and due to the large number of deaths from diarrhea and whooping cough, 27 out of a total of 39 deaths having been due to these diseases.

The infant mortality rate was 183.8, 75 deaths under 1 year of age having occurred. This is much above the average, but lower than the previous year, when the rate was 186.4.

No deaths from measles occurred during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

114 cases of infectious disease have been notified, which compares favourably with the previous year, when the number was 176.

During the first 6 months of the year scarlatina was prevalent, 64 cases having been notified. Every possible precaution was taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and in every case disinfectants were supplied free of charge.

Two fatal cases of diptheria occurred. The houses were carefully disinfected, and the other children kept from school, which prevented the spread of the disease.

20 cases of typhoid fever were notified, 4 of which terminated fatally. I have been unable to trace the disease to any definite source.

The new fever hospital is now completed, and consists of an administrative block and two wards. Only one patient has been admitted since completion.

During the month of July no case of infectious disease existed in the district.

GENERAL SANITATION.

The water supply continues of the same satisfactory character, both in quantity and quality.

The ashpits have been regularly emptied by the employees of the Council. Those erected on the plan recommended in my report for 1894, with a proper hatch for cleansing, have been found to work most satisfactorily.

The dairies and lodging houses have been regularly inspected.

The sanitary arrangements of several houses have been much improved, the excellent recommendations made by Mr. Burrell having been carried out under his supervision.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

L. GERALD DILLON.



BIRTHS.

| Months. | | Male. | Female. | Monthly Totals. |
|---------------|-----|-------|------------|--------------------|
| January | • • | 21 | 17 | 38 |
| February | • • | 18 | 18 | 36 |
| March | • • | 20 | 9 | 29 |
| April | • • | 14 | 12 | 26 |
| May | • • | 20 | 19 | 39 |
| June | • • | 21 | 15 | 36 |
| July | • • | 16 | 11 | 27 |
| August | • • | 17 | 21 | 38 |
| September | | 15 | 15 | 30 |
| October | • • | 12 | 2 5 | 37 |
| November | • • | 20 | 17 | 37 |
| December | • • | 20 | 15 | 35 |
| Yearly Totals | • • | 214 | 194 | 408 |

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DEATHS AT SUBJOINED AGES.

| | Months. | At all Ages. | Under 1 Year. | 1 Year and under 5 | 5 Years and under 15. | 15 Years and under 25. | 25 Years and under 65. | 65 Years and up- wards. |
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| | January | 16 | .2 | .8 | | 1 | 5 | |
| | February | 20 | 5 | 3 | | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| | March | 18 | 5 | 4 | 1 | | 5 | 3 |
| | April | 14 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 7 | |
| | May | 13 | 7 | 3 | 1 | | 2 | |
| Total Section of Section 1 | June | 20 | 6 | 4 | 3 | | 5 | 2 |
| | July | 21 | 9 | 3 | 1 | | 3 | 5 |
| | August | 15 | 7 | 3 | | | 3 | 2 |
| | September | 19 | 11 | 4 | | ` | 3 | 1 |
| | October | 19 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | |
| | November | 22 | 6 | 5 | 2 | | 7 | 2 |
| | December | 13 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| - | | | | | | | | |
| | YEARLY TOTALS | 210 | 75 | 45 | 11 | 3 | 56 | 20 |

DEATHS, WITH CERTAIN OF THE SPECIAL CAUSES.

| | Months. | | Scarlet Fever. | Diptheria. | Enteric or Typhoid Fever. | Whooping Cough. | Diarrhea and Dysentery. | Phthisis. | Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy. | Heart Disease. | Injuries. | All other Diseases. | Monthly Totals. |
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| | January | • • | - | | | 4 | | 2 | 5 | 2 | Δ. | 10 | 20 |
| | February | • • | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | March | • • | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 11 | 18 |
| | April | • • | 1 | | | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 8 | 14 |
| | May | • • | 2 | | | | | | 2 | | | 9 | 13 |
| | June | | | | | | | 3 | 7 | | | 10 | 20 |
| | July | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | | 8 | 21 |
| Ì | August | | 1 | | 1 | | 5 | 1 | | 1 | | 7 | 15 |
| | September | | | | 1 | 1 | 6 | | 3 | | | 8 | 19 |
| | October | | | | 2 | | 7 | | 4 | | | 6 | 19 |
| | November | | | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | | 10 | 22 |
| | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | 9 | 13 |
| | December | • • | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
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| | YEARLY TO | TALS | 6 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 21 | 16 | 40 | 13 | 1 | 101 | 210 |

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CASES NOTIFIED.

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|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | es S | Causes. | | | | | | | | | |
| | $\qquad \qquad \text{Months.}$ | No. of Cases Notified. | Diptheria. | Membranous Croup. | Erysipelas. | Scarlet Fever. | Typhoid Fever. | Continued Fever. | | | | |
| No. of Concession, Name of Street, or other Persons, or other Pers | Т | 40 | | | | | | | | | | |
| STATE STATE | January | 19 | | 1 | 2 | 14 | 2 | | | | | |
| Contract of the last | February | 9 | | | 1 | 8 | | | | | | |
| BOTH CHANGE | March | 18 | | | | 18 | | | | | | |
| CHEST CHEST SHE | April | 8 | | | , | 7 | 1 | | | | | |
| Charles Townson | May | 11 | | | 1 | 11 | | | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION | June | 6 | | | | 6 | | | | | | |
| WATER WATER | July | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHANGE MERICAL | August | 8 | | | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | |
| CHARLES KAL | September | 4 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY. | October | 7 | | | | 1 | 5 | 1 | | | | |
| National Property | November | 12 | 1 | | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY. | December | 12 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 7 | 4 | | | | |
| AND STREET, ST | | | | | | | | 60 | | | | |
| A STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE | Yearly Totals | 114 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 77 | 20 | 3 | | | | |

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CASES NOTIFIED AT SUBJOINED AGES.

| ${ m Months}.$ | No. of Cases. | Under 1 Year. | 1 Year and under 5 | years and under 15. | 15 Years and under 25. | 25 Years and under 65. | 65 Years and up- wards. |
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| January | . 19 | | 6 | 9 | 1 | 3 | |
| February | . 9 | | 2 | 6 | | 1 | |
| March | . 18 | | 9 | 9 | | | |
| April | . 8 | | 4 | 3 | | 1 | |
| May | . 11 | | 6 | 4 | 1 | | |
| June | . 6 | | 4 | | 2 | | |
| July | • | | | | | | |
| August | . 8 | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| September | 4 | | , | | 1 | 3 | |
| October | 7 | | | 2 | 2 | 3 | |
| November | . 12 | | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | |
| December | 12 | | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| YEARLY TOTALS | 114 | | 40 | 41 | 15 | 17 | 1 |



